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The Honorable Robert G. Taub
Chairman,
Postal Regulatory Commission,
901 New York Avenue NW,
Suite 200,
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Chairman Taub,

The Secretary of State requests that the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) provide its views on the consistency of proposals to amend rates or classifications for market dominant products or services within the Universal Postal Convention that will be considered at the upcoming Extraordinary Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress with the standards and criteria established by the Commission under 39 U.S.C. §3622. As background, 39 U.S.C. §407(c) (1) provides that, before concluding any treaty, convention or amendment that establishes “a rate or classification for a product subject to subchapter I of chapter 36 [of title 39]” (i.e., a market dominant product or service), the Secretary of State shall “request the Postal Regulatory Commission to submit its views on whether such rate or classification is consistent with the standards and criteria established by the Commission under section 3622.”

The Department of State looks forward to receiving the PRC’s views on the consistency of such Congress proposals with the standards and criteria the PRC established under §3622 and will extend due deference to those views. In order to allow sufficient time to factor the PRC’s views into the United States Government’s positions for the UPU Congress, we ask that the PRC provide its response to this request by August 3, 2018, which is one month before the Congress convenes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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